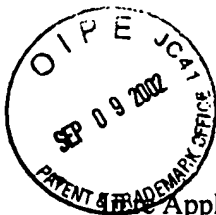


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the following new abstract:

ABSTRACT

A compound of formula [V] is prepared by oxidizing a compound of formula [III]. Citalopram can be industrially and economically produced and at a high yield by converting a compound of formula [V], which is prepared from a compound of formula [III], to a compound of formula [VI], and then alkylating the compound of formula [VI] to form citalopram.